

THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY IMMIGRANT RIGHTS CONSORTIUM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT:

1. Parties include organizations that sign this agreement prior to its effective date.
2. Subsequent to the effective date of this agreement, new organizations may become parties by signing on to the agreement subject to approval by a majority of the parties.

PURPOSE:

3. The purpose of this agreement is to establish a framework for cooperation and coordination among organizations who are engaged in protecting and advancing the rights of immigrants and those identified as immigrants in San Diego County.
4. Through such a framework, the parties seek to leverage the limited resources and capacities of immigrant rights organizations by working together towards common goals.

GOALS:

5. It is the goal of the parties to support comprehensive immigration reform, including fair and sensible law enforcement policies and practices that respect human dignity.
6. It is the goal of the parties to stop the spread of local policies and practices that target and violate the civil and human rights of immigrants.
7. It is the goal of the parties to educate immigrants about their rights and the legal and other resources available to them.
8. It is the goal of the parties to educate the public about the important contributions of immigrants and to counter the myths and misstatements made about immigrants.

FORMATION OF THE CONSORTIUM:

9. The parties to this agreement form the Immigrant Rights Consortium.
10. At the outset of each calendar year, the Consortium will elect a Chair to convene and conduct meetings and make assignments.
11. At the outset of each calendar year, the Consortium will additionally elect an Executive Committee made up of seven members, including the Consortium Chair. The Committee shall include at least one member from each of the constituency groups—legal, labor, and faith—and at least three members from community organizations.

12. The Executive Committee shall implement the decisions of the Consortium, seek funding to support its work, manage its funds in a fiscally responsible manner, and oversee the work of any paid staff.
13. As needed, the Consortium will also form working groups that will undertake specific tasks, the chairs for which will be appointed by the Executive Committee.
14. Consortium meetings shall be convened at least quarterly. A simple majority of the Consortium shall constitute a quorum. Each organization will have one vote.

DUTIES OF THE PARTIES:

15. The parties agree to contribute, on an annual basis, \$100 to \$5,000 (depending on the ability to pay) to fund an organizer and support the work of the Consortium.
16. Nothing in this agreement binds the parties to provide further funding or resources without their concurrence.
17. The parties agree to participate in the meetings of the Consortium to the best of their ability.

POLICY OF RESPECT:

18. Recognizing the ethnic, cultural, religious, social, economic, political, and geographic diversity within the Consortium, the parties agree to respect these differences and work together on the common goals of the Consortium.
19. Nothing in this agreement binds the parties to support the individual efforts of parties that act independently and without the consent of the Consortium.
20. No party shall speak on behalf of the Consortium without the prior consent of the Consortium, or at a minimum, the consent of the Executive Committee.

MODIFICATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE:

21. This agreement may be modified through an addenda signed by the parties.
22. Parties may withdraw from this agreement any time upon written notice to the Executive Committee.
23. This agreement becomes effective for all signatories on February 1, 2007. After that date, new signatories are bound by the agreement upon approval and signature.
24. The agreement shall remain in force until 30 days following a common agreement to disband.
25. The Executive Committee shall terminate the status of any party failing to comply with the terms of the agreement.

SIGNATURE

Organization

Person Authorized to Sign Agreement

Primary Contact

Signature

Phone Number

Date

Email

Mailing Address